

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pp. 13-14, filed 2/24/2009, with respect to claim 64 were fully considered and are persuasive. Applicant has amended claims 34 and 49 to incorporate limitations from allowed claim 64. Applicant's arguments filed 2/24/2009 are applicable to amended claims 34 and 49, and remain persuasive. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection based on Cherkasova, Allan and Moore has been withdrawn.

2. Applicant's amendments and accompanying arguments, see p. 9, filed 12/4/2009, with respect to the rejection of claims 49-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Accordingly, that rejection has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 34-64 (now renumbered 1-31) are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON STRANGE whose telephone number is (571)272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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